

IN THE CLAIMS

1 Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A tool for insertion through the coracoid process
and into the glenoid vault of a scapula, comprising:

an elongated, hollow, rigid tube having distal and proximal ends;

5 said tube having a length and diameter such that its distal end may be positioned in the
glenoid vault and so that its proximal end may be placed into communication with
a suction mechanism;

an elongated sleeve which is slidably mounted on said tube; said sleeve having
proximal and distal ends; and

10 a gasket operatively coupled to the distal end of said sleeve and positioned to be
slidably coupled with said tube so that a seal is established between the distal
end of said sleeve and said tube; said gasket being shaped and sized for
selective sealing engagement with the coracoid process when the distal end of
15 said tube is positioned in the glenoid vault.

Claim 2 (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has a
plurality of openings formed therein.

Claim 3 (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has an
arcuate portion.

20 Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said
tube ~~has an angular portion~~ is angularly disposed with respect to the remainder of said
tube.

1 Claim 5 (Original) The tool of claim 1 further including a flexible obturator which
may be selectively extended through said tube to clear said tube of debris.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

5 Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A tool for drawing external material into the
honeycomb structure of a bone by providing negative pressure to a bone cavity,
comprising:

an elongated tube having distal and proximal ends and an outer surface;

said distal end of said elongated tube being positionable within the bone cavity; and

10 said proximal end of said elongated tube being in operative communication with
a suction mechanism; and

a sleeve, having proximal and distal end portions, that is slidably coupled with the outer
surface of said elongated tube; said distal end portion of said sleeve having a
15 sealing surface that can be selectively positioned against the bone, around an
opening to said bone cavity, to seal said bone cavity while said suction
mechanism provides negative pressure to said bone cavity to draw the external
material into the honeycomb structure of the bone.